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Applicant hereby requests a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on December 13, This request will extend the period for response from February 13, 1997 up to and including April 13, 1997. Accordingly, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$195 to cover the appropriate fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

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